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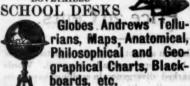
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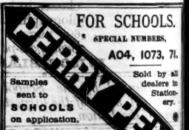
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"The night has a thousand eyes,
The day has one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
When day is done.

"The mind has a thousand eyes, And the heart but one, Yet the light of a whole life dies When love is done."

WHAT was true of the farmer last March, is true of the teacher this September. The lazy husbandman is getting his crop, but what a crop! Something is always produced, but the product always bears an exact proportion to the forces producing it. Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind! sow love, reap joy! What shall our harvest be, this year?

THERE is a word often applied to persons in England, but never in this country. It is "bog." It means one who has an unlimited capacity for receiving, but never of giving. He only absorbs, absorbs, absorbs. It is a good word, and it would do well to transplant t. Bogs! Yes, it is a capital word, and applies to many persons. They are often found in institutes, amiable looking, even handsome in appearance, well dressed, they sit and look. There is no inattention or trivial conduct, but they only absorb. When a question is asked they can only shake and keep still. A marshy bog looks green and fruitful, but it produces nothing that either man or beast can use. It is the same with institute bogs. Then there are subscriber bogs. They are good enough readers, but they return nothing. Their educational absorption is in good working order. It is astonishing how much they can take in, and how little they give out. They don't even lend the paper to a non-subscriber. They never send an item of news, or a scrap of thought, or a new method of teaching. All the lines of interest converge on themselves. All the streams of thought run into the bog, of which they are the central receptacle. They are continually receiving, but never giving. Don't be a bog!

A MAN out West has invented a microscope of such wonderful power and peculiar construction, that by it one is able to see the soul of man. This is certainly not only a remarkable, but extremely useful discovery. It will set at rest the doctrine of the immateriality of the soul. This will help the theologians, but it will do more; it will reveal personal attention to the consolidated what has never before been seen by the edu-educationally and morally evil.

cational world, viz., the soul of the average trustee. This will help the teachers. When it comes to be perfected it is to be hoped that the instrument will be large enough to enclose in its range of vision a whole Board of Education, and then it will be known whether corporations ever have souls. It has been believed that they have none, but this instrument will settle the question forever. Some teachers have a mass of evidence on this point that would seem to be conclusive; in fact, it has been accepted as final; but this microscope will settle the point forever. We suggest that, if corporations have souls, they will be so small as to be hardly discernible by the highest power and strongest light this instrument is capable of using. We shall watch with interest the revelations of this microscope when examining the teacher who refuses to take an educational paper. If a soul is found in such a person, we hope its size and general appearance will be carefully noted, for it must prove to be of a most unique variety. Altogether, much good may be expected to come from the new instrument of this inventor in the West.

THE memory is best cultivated through the other faculties. If the perception be quick and accurate, the imagination vivid, and comparison correct, there need be little fear concerning the memory. Learning to repeat, without knowing what the words repeated mean, does not strengthen the true memory; it rather weakens it. In the recent educational era, now happily passing away, it used to be common to hear teachers say : "The class may learn - pages." meant: "You may learn to repeat the words on those pages, whether you understand what they mean or not." This operation injured the mind. Learning to repeat without understanding is a stultifying and dwarfing process, and it is not the proper work of the teacher to make weaklings and dwarfs of his pupils. The first of all elements to be noticed in cultivating the memory, is a clear perception. Every question should aim at first towards settling this point. When this object is reached then comes accurate expression, both in written and spoken language. After this comes repetition, which is a memorizing process. This, in brief, is the course every teacher who teaches cor-

It is worse than nonsense to require children to repeat page after page they do not understand. It is often we hear of Sundayschool children who have "learned" an enormous number of words. It has no direct bearing either upon morality or education; in fact, the requirements of our former Sunday-school teachers produced immoral fruits, for it is never possible to get much good out of an evil system. If the method is wrong, the results must be wrong also. If these lines are read by any teacher who has been accustomed to require her pupils to memorize what was not understood, let her at once and forever abandon the practice as being both .

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THE amount annually paid to the teachers of the United States is \$60,000,000, an average of about \$400 apiece.

THE Rev. Dr. Joseph Alden, lately Principal of the Albany State Normal School, and formerly President of Jefferson College, Pa., died in this city last Sunday afternoon.

A LITERARY vagabond is writing a series of articles on "Why I did not become an educational tramp." He probably did not because he hasn't sense enough to learn to speak and write correctly.

A SILVER dollar weighs very nearly an ounce, hence any letter not heavier than a dollar can go for a single two-cent stamp. A five-cent piece added will give the ounce. If you have not the silver dollar, five nickels and a small copper cent will give an ounce.

SAM JONES, of Georgia, is the latest Southern phenomenon. Many of his sayings are sharp and pointed. At a Texas meeting a brother said to him: "Brother Jones, I feel as if I was not a bit of account in this world." He answered: "Well, brother, you are just now beginning to feel natural."

A CLERGYMAN has been making calculations, and announces as the startling result that all the salaries of religious teachers in the country do not amount to so much as the sum spent annually in We would add that the total supporting dogs. amount spent in the United States for public education is only one-tenth as much as that spent for liquor; the one is ninety millions, the other is nine hundred millions.

THE Falls of Niagara are now free to the world. The State of New York has voluntarily assumed a heavy burden in order to open to the world this grand cataract. The fencing in of any of nature's wonders is repugnant to our sense of right. Mont Blanc, Mount Washington, Yosemite, and Niagara cannot be fenced in, and owned by any private corporation, without wounding the sensibilities of the world. The United States could well have afforded many millions, rather than permit the desecration of this grand cataract to continue.

MR. CHARLES F. KING, Manager of the Saratoga School of Methods, writes us that it has been decided to continue the school next year. It will remain under the same management as at present. Great as has been its success already, in many ways it can be improved. It will be the design of the management to perfect every department in

These summer schools, if properly conducted, may be made the means of untold good to thousands of teachers who are anxious to know how to improve their work.

A YOUNGSTER of four, rather noted for his depravity than otherwise, was taken into his mother's bedroom the other day and introduced to his baby sister, one day old. He seemed to look on the arrival with considerable embarrassment, not unmixed with disapproval, and at the same time to appreciate the fact that it devolved upon him to say something worthy the occasion. Finally he remarked, with a rising inflection expressive of great unctuousness, "Well, I hope she'll be a Christian!"

ONE prominent school officer when asked by member of the institute; "What is meant by the New Education"; said: "O it is just another name for object lessons in vogue a few years ago". Recently another gentleman when asked; "What is this New Education, anyway"? said: The New Education is the practical application of the principles on which was based the best teaching of the best teachers of all times." This is good. What do you say the New Education is !

An incident in the life of the late B. T. Simes, of

one's own counsel, and will suggest to teachers an excellent point in school government,

He was a merchant, and a very shrewd man. One day he discovered that his till had been robbed, and he resolved to say nothing about it to any one, not even to the members of his family. Some three months afterward one of his customers said to him: "Did you ever find out who took that money out of your till?" Mr. Simes replied: "I never have till now, but now I know it was you, as I have never told any one that I lost it." And he made the man pay him the amount.

School teachers in some parts of our country ed courage. An example of this is afforded by Mr. P. J. Slocum a teacher in Hart Co., Ky. Recently he was visited by a masked body of men Finding his life in danger he defended himself with bullets and killed three of his attackers. far well and bravely done. The rest of the party escaped from him, and tried to drive him out of the county by threats. Still more bravely, he refused to go, asserting his right to remain as well as to live. He has now filed a suit for \$25,000 against nineteen of the leading citizens of the county.

In a recent paper Mr. A. G. Fisher presented several practical suggestions on "School Disci-pline." His principal points were: First: Undivided attention to duty during study hours, Second: Full attention during recitation should be made imper-Third: All movements about the schoolroom should be made in a quiet, dignified manner. Fourth: Regularity and continuity of exercises are eminently desirable. Fifth: Original work should form a more prominent part of mental discipline than is apt to be the case. Sixth: Proper deference to instruction. Seventh : Low speaking ought never to be tolerated in school without good

THE departments of pedagogy and practical science at Chautauqua, have had an unusually large attendance and have been marked by the most intense earnestness of study. Dr. J. W. Dickinson, secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Education, who is in charge of the department of pedagogy, states that such thorough devotion to work and such advances therein have not been seen by him in any similar institution. The closing exercises of the Retreat were held in the amphitheatre, when the home work for a year was outlined. The professor presented a succinct statement of the purpose and plan, and Dr. Vincent spoke serious words of council and incentive. On August 8, coincident with the funeral service of General Grant in New York, there was a memorial service, attended by the Grand Army Poets of the region round about. A dirge upon the great organ, a requiem by the grand chorus, and an appropriate address made the day a memorable one.

TEACHERS can do a grand work towards preventing the use of tobacco by boys. Here is a fact that may be made use of to good advantage. It is the opinion of Dr. J. P. Gray, the superintend ent of the State Lunatic Asylum, Utica, N. Y. He states emphatically: "The use of tobacco and stimulants and lack of rational outdoor exercise in youth are potent factors in producing physical and mental degeneracy. No boy under eighteen should ever touch tobacco, and it would be better to say twenty: Through the period of physical growth the nervous system should not be subjected to habitual narcotism or stimulation." On some boys, he says, cigars, cigarettes, or a pipe act as excitants, on others as sedatives-unduly increasing or unduly lowering energy; in either case the result is evil and only evil. He then asks the direct ques tion of the boys and young men, "Is it nothing to miss the higher chance of sound, vigorous man-hood? Nothing to be stunted bodily and mentally, and be less than what you might be ? to be old before your time ?"

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University with its 1500 students and faculty of in able men? Its course of instruction is as advanced, and its work, both classical and scientific, we up with any of the five colleges named, and in ad We may be over-se vance of some of them. tive in regard to this matter, but we think it time that our Eastern journals learned that me quite all the good things on earth are in the New England and Middle States."

The University of Michigan deserves to be rank ed with the best colleges of New England. It equal to any in the land. We have spent twenty years of our life west of the Mississippi River, and all our ideas of the superior excellence of what is East, because it is East, has been pretty thorough ly knocked out of us. We believe in what is "out West," not because it is West, but because of what it is. The highest types of manhood are to be found in the prairie states of the Mississippi basin an the Pacific slopes. Take a tolerably good Eastern man, thoroughly westernize him, and then see him back East, and ten chances to one if they don't send him to Congress !

THERE is just as much discipline in the study of modern as an ancient language, provided the student gets the same amount of discipline out of it. This may seem to be a truism, and it is, but it nevertheless is a truth. According to Professor Blackie a professional man requires Greek and Latin because they are the languages of scientific terminology, but a bright youth ought to get enough in six months to last him a lifetime. "Neither language is necessary to fine scholarship, and both may, therefore, be catalogued under the head of literary luxuries. The highest culture which as educated gentleman, as distinguished from a pro fessional scholar, requires at the present age can be attained without either." English must be taught in our colleges in such a manner as to be productive of much more mental culture. French and German have been for years the laughing stock of modern college students. What we war are more systematic and effective methods of studying the modern languages. It is not unco mon for a young student in Germany or Italy to be able to converse fluently and write correctly in four modern languages. Why cannot American youth do the same! It is not lack of brains or courage, but of methods of teaching. Let these be remodeled and the mental culture will be forthcoming. There are many young men in European Universities who are able to converse fluently and correctly in ancient Greek. What a power do they ossess in comparison with the lame readings of the average American student! Reform our methods of instruction and the mental discipline will follow, and whether Greek, Latin, German, or English is studied the same preparation for after life will be obtained.

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THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS IN TEACHING SCIENCE WILL BE MOST CONSPICUOUS IN THE LOWER SCHOOLS As the pupil grows older, other facts than those furnished by his own observation occupy a larger

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brings him a multitude of new ideas, but he has stively less mastery of them than of the few he had in earlier years. Further, in his training additional ends are to be sought, as, ability to use hooks, ability to discover, understand and apply principles and laws, and to use them in deductive oning both with and without mathematics. If he pupil has not had the earlier training, he has coverably lost a part, at least, of what he might have had. If one says that the ends sought by the study of the sciences, apart from the useful information, can be gained in other ways, we may chalnge him to name the studies from which they are likely to be gained, and we may recall the obvious guths that no study is very profitable unless the pupil's attention is secured, that this is best secured by srousing his interest, and that no school-studies more interesting than the sciences.

But besides the benefits that may come to the avored individual from the opportunity to study physical facts at several different times in his course, we must remember also the needs of the great majority of pupils who will not go beyond the grammar school. Accordingly this conviction that the rudiments of physics, and of some other sciences, should be studied in primary and gram ar schools, has for a long time been expressed in official programs in Europe, and in this country has found frequent expression in the demand for the so-called object lessons and oral exercises. Although the expected results of these lessons have not been realized.

SCIENTIFIC STUDIES, PROPERLY TAUGHT, SHOULD COUPY FROM ONE TO TWO HOURS EVERY WEEK MEDUGHOUT THE FIRST EIGHT YAERS OF SCHOOL

One-fourth to one-third of this time should be given to physics, the subject coming two or three nes in the eight years' course. In schools where the classes are small two or more classes may be mbined for the science-work; and in large towns metimes it may be advantageous as a temporary expedient to let special teachers go from school to chool, as is done in England, for science teaching, and as we do for the teaching of music and draw-

Consider now the secondary schools. It is from ese that a large part of the teachers in the lower schools and country schools must come; so the attion of all who desire to improve the condition of cience-teaching should be directed primarily to these secondary schools, and whenever it is posible, teachers should be secured who have made special scientific preparation at least in those sciences they are to teach. In passing, let it be noted that the ordinary required science-work in a college course ought to be shaped for the majority of students, and so does not afford special prepara-

In these secondary schools we find the same obes to improvement in the teaching as in the ower schools, and an additional one, need of apratus; but in spite of them all, the study of physics has found a place on almost every proam. But when we look deeper than the mere recnition of the subject, we find a great diversity of opinion or of practice on most points connected with the high school work in physics, as to the sims and nature of the work, use of text-books, e and place in the course, introduction of labtory work, preparation for college, etc.; yet I believe the teachings of experience are clear on me points. First:

AT NO OTHER TIME AND WITH NO OTHER STUDY IS THERE SO GOOD AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN THE ENEFITS OF INDUCTIVE TRAINING.

At the same time a more useful knowledge of hysics will be acquired if the inductive method is llowed than is otherwise possible. I count it therefore a misfortune for the student if he is derived of the benefits of this training, either be cause physics is not in his course, or because his teacher thinks only of "hearing a recitation." How then are these benefits to be secured ! The only condition that is indispensible (an earnest irpose being pre-supposed) is

THE TEACHER SHOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT HE IS AIMING AT, WHAT THE INDUCTIVE METHOD IS, AND HOW FAR IT MAY WISELY BE FOLLOWED IN EDUCA-

A bost of educational writers are in substantia greement on these points-thus the Rev. J. M. Wilson, in the finest essay on this subject that know of, says, "The method [of text-book an lecture] will be an attractive one and will me most of the requirements, but it fails in one. The boy is helped over all the difficulties; he is never brought face to face with nature and her problems \* the one power which the study of phy sical science ought pre-eminently to exercise and almost to create, the power of bringing the mind into contact with facts, of seizing their relations,

of groping after ideas and testing them by their adequacy; in a word, of exercising all the active faculties which are required for an investigation in any matter—these may lie dormant in the class while the most learned lecturer experiments with facility and explains with clearness . Training to think-not to be a mechanic or surveyor-must be first and foremost the teacher's object." And the late Prof. Joseph Payne says, "The teacher is a superintendent or director of the learner's process, pointing out the problem to be solved, concentrating the learner's attention upon it, suggesting experiments, inquiring what they result in; bringing back the old to interpret the new, the known to interpret the unknown; requiring an exact record of results arrived at-in hort, exercising all the powers of the learner's mind upon the matter in hand, in order to make him an accurate observer, and to train him in the method of investigation."

#### THE SCHOOL-ROOM.

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ARITHMETICAL HEALTH-LIFTING.

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Some years ago, a musician who has writen many songs that are household words, was in feeble health. He began using the health-lift un-der competent medical direction, and three years from that time he was a well man.

Some one has said that the secret of memory is sharp attention. If you could be sure that your pupils would tell you the truth, it would probably be safe to offer a dollar to each one who, after ac-curately stating, and understanding, that the Straits of Gibraltar connect the Atlantic and Mediterranean, would forget it in a month. The very act of offering a reward for forgetting—a thing not usually rewarded—would fix attention upon the fact connected with the offer, so that the mind would never let it slip.

If the mind can be trained to take sharp notice of whatever comes before it, and to give a clear, compact account of what is observed, it will be a delight to get knowledge, and easy to keep it ready for use.

Those who are to contend in a rowing match go through a course of gymnastic training, the object of which is not only to give bulk and vigor to the muscles, but also the power to put the whole strength of the man right upon his work, and nowhere else. We might say of this training, or of that afforded by the health-lift that it develops suscular attention, as it were.

Many teachers devise short, condensed exercise in arithmetic like the following:

 $6+4+2\times3\times2+5\times7=$  how many times 9

These are good, if two things are kept in mind: First, don't get into the habit of using some factoral or additional combinations to the neglect of others. These exercises, if extemporized, are apt to get into such ruts, and it may be best to write m out beforehand. Then,

Second, in order to get the most satisfactory results, we must make condensed exercise of either muscle or brain delightful. The best plays, such as "gool," keep the whole muscular and nervous systems a-quiver with intense and fascinating ac-tivity.

The best intellectual training would be like such a lively game. After good habits of application are acquired, almost any study for which one's mind is fairly adapted will, if skillfully taught, give the zest of exciting sport. Horace Mann was describing an every-day occurrence when he wrote, "Mark a child when first a vivid, well-defined conception seizes it. Every muscle leaps, every joint plays; the whole nervous tissue vibrates; the spirit flashes through the body like lightning through a cloud."

I have been invited by the editor of the SCHOOL Journal to describe a method of combining in an arithmetical exercise these two desirable features sest, and a drill in all the possible combinations in a given series of numbers.

I may preface it by the remark that I hit upon it while attempting to work out with a class of beginners the idea of Davies (in his "Logic of Mathematics,") of the great importance at the very beginning of the study of Arithmetic, of a clear conception of the meaning of the term unit. This class of beginners was in an ungraded country school, in which the most advanced scholars were studying Ray's Higher Arithmetic and Algebra. As there was a good deal of bad weather, these youngest scholars did not attend more than thireen out of the sixteen weeks. The youngest was five and the oldest eight years old, and there were only six or seven of them. The most proficient of them could, at the beginning of the term, count up to six, and knew perhaps a half-dozen letters.

As the weather was stormy it was necessary to devise some in door relaxation that would not disturb the older scholars. There were, to be sure, the two recesses and intermission, besides four short singing and gymnastic exercises, occupying from one to two minutes each, in which all joined. These came midway between the opening and close of the two sessions and the recesses. In these we learned several good, stirring songs, keeping time to them with various motions intended to expand the lungs and to let off steam that might otherwise have found vent in mischief, thus, incidentally, the rythmical faculty received a good deal of develop-

These gave as much change as the older scholars needed, but not enough for the little ones. After much thinking I told them to bring some corn or beans, and I would make a nice game for them which they could play when they had done their printing well. Right here it may be as well to say that, although it was before the days of the "Word Method," they jumped over the silly primer and began at once on the stories in the First Reader. After hearing a story read and getting the power to tell it, they were set at the words it contained. These were printed on the board, and they were required to copy them five times before they could play with their corn.

They learned the letters only as fast as they met them in the words. As it is possible that in another connection I may describe their drill in Reading, Printing (from the board first, and afterwards from the book and from dictation), Spelling, and Composition, I will say no more about it here, except that they became able to print neatly and accurately at about one-fourth the speed of a rapid writer; and to read what they had been over, naturally and with spirit, taking about one-half page a day in advance; and some of them to cover one and often two sides of their small slates daily with original compositions-some of them very original.

In their combined printing and reading lessons they had four or five exercises a day, and, besides what they did by themselves, three or four at their corn game. The help given them in all their work and play was divided into two classes: First, that which was mechanical, such as calling off words for them to print. In such work the teacher's place could be taken by scholars ten or twelve years old, and this honor was given as a reward to the best behaved ones. Second, that which could be done only by myself or by a young lady selected from the advanced pupils.

[The details of the method will be given in the next issue of the JOURNAL. - EDS. ]

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GENERAL EXERCISES FOR COMMON

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Much practical good may be obtained through well-directed general exercises, and therefore those from which the most benefit may be derived are the methods to be followed.

In exercises of this kind, the teacher should have the pupils gather all the information they can in regard to the topic under study, and then supply what may have been omitted by the pupils.

Another thing essential to the success of these lessons for the school, is the interest of the scholars in the work. The teacher may by proper effort awaken in the children an enthusiasm for the work, that is after all the key to success in it.

These lessons should be given in a conversational manner, and in very simple and plain language, that scholars of all ages may understand.

· Perhaps to give some of the topics that might be taken up with great profit, would not be amiss.

At the beginning of the morning session fifteen minutes each day might be well spent in talking about simple facts of general science, such as the pressure of the air downward, sidewise, and upward, and adding to the interest, by showing the truth of these statements, in easy and simple experiments, many of which have been given us in the Journal. The downward pressure of the air may be shown by taking a wet, pliable piece of leather cut in circular form, and pressing it tightly against a slate. Then pull up on a string fastened in the center of the leather, and lift the slate. The upward and the lateral pressures may be shown by placing over a very full glass of water a thick piece of paper, and then inverting the tumbler to prove the upward pressure, and holding it horizontally to prove the lateral pressure.

Exercises bringing out facts of a geological nature may also be introduced with success. Tell them about the origin and formation of the sand and pebbles found along the course of a stream, and ask the pupils to be ing pebbles and sand in the different stages of their battle with the water. They can tell from the shape of corners, and by the hardness of the rock. Later, give some attention to the part played by water in the history of the world. Consider the water above the surface of the earth, in form of clouds, vapors, etc.; upon the surface, as rivers, lakes, and oceans; and under the surface, as in springs, geysers, and volcanoes. Call for examples, illustrating each position and

Thus, set the pupils to observing and teaching themselves, and a step in this direction is of inestimable value to the learner in later life.

In the proper season, the rudiments of botany may be taken with profit. Show a plant to them telling them the name and office of each part, and ask them to bring a flower having a different or like stem, root, leaf or blossom. Then when the different kinds of each have been observed, write a recapitulation upon the black board, presenting in tabular view the different shapes of each, and let the children copy this into their blank-books.

After the noon intermission fifteen minutes should be taken in which to study the nature and the effects upon the mind and body of stimulants and narcotics, and the principal rules of hygiene violated. Three weeks or a month may be taken up in examining the effects of alcohol, tobacco, and opium. Their moral effects may be broached or not as the public sentiment in the districts may warrant. The teacher may enliven the exercise by showing to the school the nature and composition of the parts of several animals; the shape may be shown by rough outline drawings or cuts in text-books. When possible the structure and composition should be shown from real specimens.

To illustrate: the structure of a bone is well shown in a beef bone, and the composition, viz.; animal and mineral matter, can be illustrated by burning the bone to leave the lime, and by soaking the bone in diluted hydrochloric acid to leave the animal matter. These and similar experiments

can be performed at a very trifling cost, and the children, when they see a chicken's drumstick tied into a knot, as it may be after the latter process, will be delighted, and the lesson will be indelibly fixed in their minds.

After a little knowledge in anatomy and physiology has thus been acquired, hygienic exercises may be taken up and understood by the pupils. Lessons may be given, telling what to do in emergencies before the doctor arrives.

Tell them how to distinguish arterial from venal hemorrhage. Take a boy and illustrate the mode of stopping bleeding from a dangerous wound, with a handkerchief, knotting and twisting it, and applying to the boy's wrist in the proper manner. Thus a few minutes' talk may prove the saving of a life in after years.

Tell them how to act in cases of drowning or choking, and what to do in common accidents, illustrating with scholars when practical.

General exercises, consisting of lively songs, are very cheering, and the finer tastes are thus cultivated, in addition to sending the pupils to work with a good will.

In many schools items of current news may be discussed, and continuous events, like wars, may be followed up, and the prominent places located on the map; thus, not only adding to the pupil's stock of geographical knowledge, but giving him a glimpse of the world outside of his own small sphere of personal observation.

It is interesting to discuss subjects attracting attention in the world, as the "Bartholdi Statue," and study them in their bearings with the different nations, thus enlarging the pupil's horizon, and suggesting lines of thought that may be advantageously pursued. An admirable and timely lesson can be given on the death and tuneral ceremonies of General Grant, and as the memorial progresses, frequent allusion can be made to it. The place of his burial can be described with an account of the historical associations clustering around it.

These general exercises may oftentimes be made the subject of language lessons, the pupils being asked to reproduce the substance of the exercise.

Much cannot be done at a single lesson, but by persisting in them, many practical ideas will be obtained by the pupils, and these facts oftentimes will prove of more actual benefit than some parts of their "book larnin"."

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### FOUR FORTUNES WAITING TO BE CLAIMED.

The art of thinking is in its infancy. The thousand inventions that have revolutionized the work of the world, have all come from thinking. Consecutive, constant, and patient thought has made our civilization what it is, but there are tens of thousands of inventions unthought out. The world wants them, and is waiting to use them. Here are four among this multitude that some thinking scholar ought to bring to light. Thinkers should look them over carefully, and go to work to learn the art of thinking out these as well as many other problems presented for answer. This power should come from school discipline.

1. An instrument is needed showing at a glance the amount of foul air in a room. This should be as plainly indicated as the hands on the face of a clock. To one making such an invention a fortune is waiting. It would be needed in every school room in the country, as well as thousands of public and private dwellings.

2. A top capable of playing a tune while spinning would command a large sale. It could be so arranged as to play different tunes when spun several times in succession. No such a toy is in the market, although several persons have attempted to perfect one. It would command an immediate sale. One dealer in New York City alone is offering to take 15,000 of them at once.

3. An instrument attached to the shoe or some ear other article of dress, showing exactly how many steps had been taken in a walk would be profita-

ble. It must not be expensive, but it must be small and accurate. It seems as though some sman boy this winter ought to invent this thing.

4. An automatic gate, opening and closing by the pressure of a railroad train on the rails, or some attachment to the rails, would be profitable. It should work readily and invariably. When the train is within a certain distance of the crossing the gate should shut, and when the train has passed it should open. Such an invention would do away with the services of thousands of gate keepers, and annually save hundreds of lives. It seems is be a practicable thing. What boy will study this out this Fall term and make himself independent

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### SCHOOL GOVERNMENT.

The object of this government should be formation of character. It should be based on the moral nature, and should appeal to motives. The following principles underlie school government:

1. Established law should rule rather than the personal will. The teacher is the law-executor rather than the law-giver. God is the law-giver, and the teacher is one with the pupils in reverent and loving obedience. Teach the children that a thing should be done because it is right rather than because it is the personal will of the teacher.

2. The Golden Rule is the law. It must be so of fectually practised by the teacher that it will be felt as a living truth. The teacher is even more fully subject to it than the pupil; he must be more obedient than he can expect a child to be. A good law gives the greatest personal freedom. Any rule which restrains a child from courteous, kindly action is a sin.

3. There should be discrimination in punishment. All offences should not be classed under one head. Punishment for careless offences should be kept distinct from punishment for willful wrong doing. There should be the greatest discrimination used in even these cases; the want of it creates recklessness, hardness.

4. Manner of punishment. Never hold up to ridicule. A child smarting under ridicule has no room for repentance. Never give extra lesson lest you create a dislike to study. A'lowable punishments include withholding of privileges and corporal punishment. Some punishment may be instant and public; ordinarily it should be in private, its purpose is to awaken sorrow, to cultivate feeling, to promote good resolves, to encourage and strengthen them.

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### METHODS IN GEOGRAPHY.

The teaching of geography naturally divides itself into two stages of development, Primary and Advanced.

The former may be considered inductively, proceeding from the known to the unknown, from what is about the child at home, to what is about

The more advanced is taught deductively. Much oral instruction should precede the use of a test book in the primary work. Here the teaching carnot be too simple, nor the treatment of subjects too familiar. The following are some of the many subjects that may be treated:

The points of the compass, the measurement of distance, the natural divisions of land and water, keeping within the limited experience of the child, the customs and occupations of the people in his own vicinity. Then lead him out in imagination to those of different parts of the earth, and the plants and animals in hot and cold countries.

The use of pictures or black-board drawings are useful in giving the child his first ideas of the natural features of the earth, unknown to him, such as mountain chains, valleys, islands, peninsulas, etc. Moulding sand or clay is much used in making relief maps both for primary and advanced work.

Familiar talks about what we find upon the earth's surface, as plants and animals, within the

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earth, as metals and minerals, in its waters, as fish, etc., around the earth, as rains, winds, etc.

Map-drawing can now be introduced with profit. A map of the school-room, the school-grounds, the town, county, and state, may follow the oral instruction.

For pupils living in the country, a map of the neighborhood may first be drawn and studied.
For those in the city, the principal streets may be outlined.

The main object in this method is to first familiarize and interest the child in the geography of his own vicinity, and then proceed step by step to that beyond him.

Talks to the children about traveling to different parts of the earth to get what we use in our homes every day, and what we produce and carry to people of other countries will add much to their interest and broaden their ideas. Encourage the reading of books of travel and some of the great explorers. By the use of the globe as we advance, an idea of the form and size of the earth and the distribution of land and water, of plants and an imals, may be given.

In all teaching urge the children to express in their own language the information they have obtained.

### A FEW GOLDEN RULES.

#### TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS

The following rules are worthy of being printed in letters of gold, and placed in a conspicuous place in every household:

First.—From our children's earliest infancy inculcate the necessity of instant obedience.

Second .- Unite firmness with gentleness. Let your children always understand that you mean what you

Third.-Never promise them anything, unless you are quite sure that you can give what you say.

Fourth.—If you tell a child to do something, show

him how to do it, and see that it is done.

Fifth.-Always correct your children for wilfully disobeying you, but never talk to them in anger.

Sixth.-Never let them know that they vex you, or make you lose your self-command.

Seventh.-If they give way to petulance or ill-temper wait till they are calm, then gently reason with them on the impropriety of their conduct.

Eighth.—Remember that a little present punishment,

when the occasion arises, is much more effectual than the threatening of a greater punishment should the fault be renewed.

Ninth.-Never give your children anything because they cry for it.

Tenth.-On no account allow them to do at one time what you have forbidden under the same circumstances

Eleventh.—Teach them that the only sure and easy way to appear good is to be good.

Twelfth.—Accustom them to make their recitals with

perfect truth.

Thirteenth.-Never allow tale-bearing.

Fourteenth.-Teach them self-denial, not self-indulgence.

### THE OPENING OF SCHOOL.

### A FEW HINTS FOR YOUNG TEACHERS.

1. Be at school early. On the morning of the first day be the first one there. Look out for every thing that may conduce to the benefit of the pupils at the opening.

2. Greet the pupils pleasantly, but do not go to them in such a manner as to lead them to think you are unduly seeking their favor. In a natural way let them come to you. By a little encouragement this can be arranged.

3. Begin promptly, even though but few are present. Some teachers make a great mistake by waiting for a large number to come in the first morning, before they begin. Their excuse is that they wish to make a complete enrollment at once.

4. Have those in the house seated before ringing the bell. This may seem an unimportant point, but there is much in it. Those who come in the order—at least it makes a good impression.

5. Have religious exercises if possible. It may be necessary to forego some of the older forms, owing to a growing prejudice against them; but some sort of devotional opening seems to be demanded. The singing of a hymn, the concert repetition of a short psalm, and the offering of the Lord's Prayer, ought not to offend any one. The Lord has made us. He sustains us. Why should we not recognize the fact in a few minutes of quiet thought and prayer. The world is full of God; we ought not to live like

6. Say but little in the opening address. Not much can be said. The teacher is called to work, not to talk. It is a great mistake to make a boast of what is to be done. It is a flimsy veil of selfconceit through which pupils can easily look. There will be enough to talk about as the school

7. Take the names of pupils at the call of classes.
Some teachers think other methods better. It is not essential that it should be done in this way, but it is true that often great disorder is created by an effort to get four or five facts from all pupils before a class is called or a lesson assigned. It is by no means necessary that the teacher should have a complete statistical record of pupils at first. A little later such information can be collected, if

Set all the pupils to work as soon as possible.

This will prevent disorder, and an ounce of prevention, the first morning, is worth a pound of cure a few days later. Directions can be given to the whole school, something like this: "Those who expect to complete the arithmetic this term can study on the—page"; "Those who read in the Second Reader can write the——lessons on their slates," etc. In this manner preliminary work can be assigned, and no excuse made for idleness.

9. Have a small bell to call classes with,

A small one is better than a large one, and a light tap better than a loud one. After the first, never call a class except by a bell. The pupils will clearly understand what it means if they are trusted

10. Make out a preliminary order of work, for your own guidance, before school opens.

You can in general tell about what to expect, es

pecially if you have the opportunity of inquiring of parents and pupils what has previously been done.

11. Show no evidence of indecision.

This will be fatal. It is far better at the outset to say: "I don't know yet what it is best to do." than to say: "Perhaps you had better do this way or that way, but I am undecided." This point may be misapprehended by some. The point is this: Confessed ignorance is often a confession of strength, but confessed indecision is always a confession of weakness.

12. On the second day have a program of exercises ready to be posted up.

It should not be delayed later. It may be changed in some particulars, but, in the main, it must be the one to be followed during the term.

13. Don't talk school to everybody you meet.

If people talk to you, let them talk-and as soon as possible talk to them about something else. If you permit it, your ears will be filled with all the old district stories, from the earliest times to those of your predecessor.

14. Be very careful about making complaints, especially of your predecessor, or how you find things, assuming that you have a mighty work to do, thus laying the foundation for future selfpraise. If there must be some things obtained at once, go to the proper officers and request what you want; but don't find fault. The force of kind-ness and helpfulness is wonderfully powerful, and will carry one who is guided by it over many difficult places

16. Make a special effort to make a good impres-

This can be done in various ways. Neatness in the bell. This may seem an unimportant point, but there is much in it. Those who come in the first morning will find the room in some degree of order—at least it makes a good impression.

dress, a quiet self-possession, a good preparation for the work at the very first, and a cheerful disposition, are essential. Above all, the very best preparation is a heart honestly in sympathy with outlines of work of other states in future Journals.

the work. He who is driven by force of circumstances against his will cannot fail of showing it. No one is ever more thoroughly and correctly read than the teacher at the opening of the school. What there is good within will show itself without. Make attractive the outside, but take care of the inside first.

#### READING CIRCLES.

The time has passed when it is fashionable for teachers to say, "I never read or talk about school outside the school-room." Let us be thankful! A new era has dawned. It has come to stay. Teachers all over the country are anxious to read and study educational works. To help in methodizing and systematizing their work, Reading Circles have been organized in many states. These are not sphemeral; they will remain as a part of our methods of training teachers for their work for many years, and those states unorganized will soon fall into line. We are receiving many letters of encouragement from those engaged in the work of study. One New York teacher recently wrote:

"Last year the teachers in the school where I was teaching, and where I expect to teach the coming year, formed a circle and held meetings once in two weeks. Here we discussed what we had read with much profit. I hardly think that we conducted these meetings as advantageously as we might have done, but at that time we knew nothing of the constitution or by-laws of the Circle. I think this coming year we will organize more thoroughly, although I do not know the minds of the other teachers as yet. You will see that I am very in-terested, and shall do all I can to increase the number and interest of this organization.'

The Iowa Teachers' Reading Circle originated as follows :

At the last meeting of the Iowa State Teachers' Association, Superintendent H. H. SEERLEY, President, in his annual address, recommended the organization of a Teachers' Reading Circle, on the ground that "there ought to be a course of reading adapted to the needs of every teacher who wishes to acquire excellence."

The following plan of organization was adopted:

1. The object of the Reading Circle shall be the im-

provement of its members in literary, scientific, and professional knowledge, and the promotion of habits of self-culture.

2. The committee appointed by the State Association shall be styled a Board of Directors, and its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually at the first meeting after the election of the members of the Board.

Adjourned meetings may be held at any time by a
vote of the Board, and special meetings may be called
by the President at the request of a majority of the

4. Any teacher or other resident of Iowa may become a member of the Circle by signing a pledge to faithfully pursue the prescribed course of reading, and by the pay-ment, in advance, of the membership fee.

5. The annual membership fee shall be fifty cents, fifteen cents of which shall be retained by the county

manager for local expenses.

6. The Board shall appoint the County Superintendent, or a special deputy in each county as county manager, who shall enroll members, organize local Circles of four or more members, receive membership fees and remit monthly to the Treasurer of the Board, furnish in-formation, distribute books, and have the general direction of the work in his county.

The course of reading shall cover a period of four years, and shall consist of selections from three departments, viz.: The Department of History and Art, the Department of Literature, and the Department of

8. These departments shall be sub-divided as follows:

I. HISTORY AND ART. General. Professional.

II. LITERATURE. General. Professional.

Physical, Social, Social, Political, Mental, Moral,

#### TABLE TALK.

Some have complained that the addresses at the recent National Association were not properly delivered, were too full of the big I's and small u's, and not lively that the dry was "awful" dry, enough. "They say" and the good not good enough to suit the taste of sor Ohio and Indiana educators. Now, the fact is, most teachers are hard to please, but our severest critics come from the region of the Great Lakes and the Mis-What there is in that region that develsissippi river. ops a critical disposition we do not know. During a former fourteen years' residence in Iowa, and a more recent four years' life in Minnesota, we found a great many men and women of superior minds living fa above the low level of petty educational gossip, but there are a few out there who are not exactly certain that there is much, near and east of the Hudson, that is worth preserving, especially connected with the National Association.

When will the National Association become perfect? When men can be found who will write and say what the average working teacher wants to hear? The difficulty with the perfection of the Association is that it has too much of the theoretical and not enough of the practical. It deals too often in platitudes and generalities. We have not fully emerged from the axoic educational age. Life is often to be found, but it is of a protoplasmic nature. There is motion, but no eyes that see, ears that hear, and legs that run. But we are making progress, slowly, but still it is progress, and we ought to be thankful.

Do the critics of our Associations know that it is made up of men and women—average men and women? Now, how, in the name of common sense, can any one expect these finite creatures to become godlike as soon as they step on a platform and face an audience? The average listener expects every speaker to be eloquent, handsome, and wise—qualities that are seldom conjoined in any one human creature. There are few who can be educationally eloquent under any circumstances, especially before such cold-blooded audiences as usually listen at our great Association meetings. The platform lecturer, before a mixed audience, can select his topic from a wide range of subjects—the educational lecturer must confine his choice to a few. The lecturer can often appeal to the emotions of the uneducated, but the educational speaker is expected to be as esthetic as Plato and cold-hearted as Juno. It is no easy task to suit the hearers at a national or state educational gathering.

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We do not complain because there are people who are not suited. It is a good sign. If the teachers of the central states want to show the world how an educational meeting ought to be conducted, the way is open for an exhibition. It would be an excellent plan to organize at some time in the near future a model educational association. It could be conducted as a sample of what all other gatherings should afterward be, and stand as a shining model by which future Associations may be rated and measured. We trust our dissatisfied Chicago friend will move in this matter at once.

In the following extract we have a specimen of how a woman can write. It is an extract from an article from the Atlantic by Elizabeth Stewart Phelps:

"It seems a long time ago that our great-grandfathers were crossing lances over the doctrine of imputed sin, or the souls of infants, condemned by predestination and foreknowledge absolute, to an eternal hell. A damned baby at best was a theory. Nobody ever saw one."

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A writer in the Christian Register complains that ladies are inconsiderate of the comfort of others, especially the man who sits in front of her in church and has no back hair or bonnet to protect him from her fan. "Ladies," he cries, "why will you—why must you—fan, fan, fan?"

Give it up. But here is an easier one. Gentlemen, why will you—and why must you—smoke, smoke, smoke? On the streets, in the cars and boats, unless the officials are as careful as those on the elevated roads in New York, one must endure the smoke of a vile cigar or a viler pipe. This is not brought forward as an excuse for the ladies. If their fans cause discomfort to others, they should sacrifice the relief it affords from the stifling, tobacco-laden and liquor-fumed air of most public places, for the welfare of the gentleman just in front who is destitute of back hair and bonnet. But it is not becoming in that gentleman to make a complaint so long as he continues to blow tobacco smoke in other people's faces regardless of the effect upon their eyes, noses, and stomachs.

#### FOR THE SCHOLARS.

#### MEMORIAL DAYS.

[James Fenimore Cooper's works abound not so much in short selections as in stories of considerable length. several of which are to be found in the school res and may be used in addition to those here given. In connection with these it might be well for the tea to procure one or two of Cooper's best novels, "The Spy," "The Pilot," or "The Last of the Mohicans, read it over and select the choicest parts to be used in the reading class or on Friday afternoon, the teacher supplying the " missing links" of the story from memory. A list of questions relating to the times and in which the scenes are laid, given to the pupils a few days before the reading, will give them a portunity to look up and become familiar with all the allusions of the selection. A good opportunity of rous ing an interest in the history of that period will also be provided by these fascinating stories. Where the teacher does not find it practicable to spend a portion of an afternoon in a memorial exercise, a few minutes each morning can be given to some portion of it. If there is not time for the long selection, a part of it can be read one morning, then reviewed and continued the follow ing morning.-EDS.]

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

James Fenimore Cooper was born in Burlington, N. J., Sept. 15, 1789. His father, about a year afterward, having bought a large tract of land near Lake Otsego, moved there with his family and established Cooperatown. This region, during the boyhood of the novelist, was yet in its wild state, which accounts for the familiarity with wild scenery and Indian life shown in so many of his works. At thirteen Cooper was sent to Yale College, and three years afterward entered the navy. Here his experience furnished him with valuable material for his "Pilot," "Red Rover," and other sea stories. After visiting Europe he returned to Cooperstown, and continued to write and publish his novels. He died at Cooperstown, Sept. 19, 1851.

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"On all sides, wherever the eye turned, nothing me it but the mirror-like surface of the lake, the placid view of heaven, and the dense setting of woods. So rich and fleecy were the outlines of the forest, that carce an opening could be seen; the whole visible earth from the rounded mountain top to the water's edge, presenting one unvaried line of unbroken verdure. As if vegetation were not satisfied with a triumph so complete, the trees overhung the lake itself, shooting out toward the light; and there were miles along its eastern shore where a boat might have pulled beneath the branches of dark Rembrandt looking hemlocks, quiver ing aspens, and melancholy pines. In a word, th hand of man had never yet defaced or deformed any part of this native scene, which lay bathed in the sun light, a glorious picture of affluent forest grandeur, softened by the balminess of June, and relieved by the beautiful variety afforded by the presence of so broad an expanse of water.

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"While Deerslayer was speaking, he put a foot against the end of the light boat, and, giving a vigorous shove, he sent it out into the lake a hundred feet or more, where, taking the true current, it would necessarily float past the point and be in no further danger of coming ashore."

"The savage started at this ready and decided expedient, and his companion saw that he cast a hurried and fierce glance at his own cance, or that which contained the paddles. The change of manner, however, was but momentary, and then the Iroquois resumed his air of friendliness, and a smile of satisfaction. 'Good!' he repeated, with stronger emphasis than ever. 'Young head, old mind. Know how to settle quarrel. Farewell, brother. He go to house in water—muskrat house. Indian go to camp; tell chiefs no find cance."

# "Deerslayer was not sorry to hear this proposal, for he felt anxious to join the females, and he took the offered hand of the Indian very willingly. The parting words were friendly, and, while the red man walked calmly toward the wood, with the rifle in the hollow of his arm, without once looking back in uneasiness or distrust, the white man moved toward the remaining cance, carrying his piece in the same pacific manner—it is true, keeping his eyes fastened on the movements of the other."

"This distrust, however, seemed altogether uncalled for, and, as if ashamed to have entertained it, the young man averted his look and stepped carelessly up to his boat. Here he began to push the canoe from the shore, and to make his other preparations for departing. He might have been thus employed about a minute, when, happening to turn his face toward the land, his quick and certain eye told him at a glance the imminent jeopardy in which his life was placed. The black, efrocious eyes of the savage were glancing on him, like those of the crouching tiger, through a small opening in the bushes, and the muzzle of his rifle seemed already to be opening in a line with his own body."

"Then indeed the long practice of Deerslayer as a hunter did him good service. Accustomed to fire with the deer on the bound, and often when the precise position of the animal's body had in a manner to be guessed at, he used the same expedients here. To cock and poise his rifle were the acts of a single moment and a single motion; then, aiming almost without sighting, he fired into the bushes where he knew a body ought to be, in order to sustain the appalling countenance which alone was visible."

"There was not time to raise the piece any higher or to take a more deliberate aim. So rapid were his movements that both parties discharged their pieces at the same instant, the concussions mingling in one report. The mountains, indeed, gave back but a single echo, Deerslayer dropped his piece, and stood, with head erect, steady as one of the pines in the calm of a June morning, watching the result, while the savage gave the yell that has become historical for its appalling influence, leaped through the bushes, and came bounding across the open ground, flourishing a tomahawk."

"Still, Deerslayer moved not, but stood with his unloaded rifte fallen against his shoulders, while, with a hunter's habits, his hands were mechanically feeling in the powder-horn and charger. When about forty feet from his enemy, the savage hurled his keen weapon; but it was with an eye so vacant, and a hand so unsteady and feeble, that the young man caught it by the handle as it was flying past him. At that instant the Indian staggered, and fell his whole length on the ground."

### GOLDEN THOUGHTS.

What do we live for if not to make life less difficult to each other?—GEORGE ELIOT.

There are no obstacles which will not go down before the fire and charge of enthusiasm, heroism, clearnes, and decision.—W. R. ALGER.

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday.—Pope.

Dare to do right! dare to be true!

The failings of others can never save you;

Stand by your conscience, your honor, your faith,

Stand like a hero and battle till death.

Beautiful water, so fresh and so free, God gave it to you and He gave it to me; To Him we give thanks that wherever we go, He made the clear water so freely to flow.

Would'st thou be a happy liver
Let the past be past forever;
Fret not when prigs or pedants bore you,
Enjoy the good that's set before you:
But chiefly hate no man; the rest
Leave thou to God, who knows what's best.
—GOETHE.

Give me the hand that is true as a brother; Give me the hand that has not wronged another. Soft palm or hard palm, it matters not—never! Give me the grasp that is friendly forever!

Do you often say fail when your neighbors succeed?

Are you crowded by failures? Then stop.

Study why thus it is; to climb higher is your need—

There is plenty of room at the top.

-GEORGE BRANSON.

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### LIVE ANSWERS.

 During the middle ages a crown of gold was made by order of Princess Theudelinde for her husband, the King of the Lombards. On the inside of the crown some distanthe a mirror alpha S. God, comm

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was a ring of iron which was said to have been forged from the nails of Christ's cross. Charlemagne had this crown placed upon his head at his coronation as King of the Lombards, and all the succeeding emperors of that country made similar use of it. In 1859 the Austrians took the Iron Crown to Vienna, and in 1866 pre-sented it to the King of Italy, who still has it among the

royal treasures at Naples.

2. A system of telegraphing by means of mirrors is ometimes employed to convey signals at considerable distance in places where the sky is free from clouds and the atmosphere quite clear for long periods of time. The mirrors, called heliographs, are so arranged that by causing a reflected ray of the sun to appear and disap-pear at long and short intervals, the signals of the Morse alphabet can be produced.

8. When Mahomet announced himself the prophet of God, the Arabs demanded supernatural proofs of his commission. After some hesitation, he commanded Mount Safa to come to him, and when it stirred not he exclaimed, "God is merciful. Had it obeyed my words, it would have fallen upon us and destroyed us. I will therefore go to the mountain and thank God that He has had mercy on a stiff-necked generation."

4. During the wars for the restoration of the Stuarts, armed companies were employed by the government to watch the Scotch Highlanders. They were dressed in black or very dark tartans, in order that they might more effectually conceal themselves in the recesses of the rocks or in the shadow of the trees, and for this were called the Black Watch. Their duties were to prevent seditious political meetings, to overawe the disaffected, and to disarm insurgents

5. The Phrygians, when they conquered and tool ion of eastern Asia Minor, to distinguish themselves from the natives, wore a close-fitting cap. The Romans took the fashion of the Phryrians; but only the freedmen. When a slave was se free a red cap was put upon his head in token of his emancipation. When Cæsar was murdered the conspirators carried a cap on a spear as a token of the liberty of Rome. The statue of the Goddess of Liberty on the Aventine Hill carried in her hand a cap as an emblem of freedom. In England Brittania was pictured carrying a cap on a spear. It has been used in America on coins and on a seal used by the Committee of Safety at Philadelphia in 1775, on which was engraved a cap of liberty and the motto, "This is my right and I will

6. The violin, it is believed, was invented in a crude form by Ravina, King of Ceylon, 2,000 years before

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### LIVE QUESTIONS.

- 1. Where have ten distinct forests of buried tree been found?
- 2. What egg has been offered for sale for \$3,000?
- Why was Martin Van Buren called "The Little
- How is rolled-gold made?
- Where is the Porcelain Tower?
- 6. From what tree are napkins made?

### EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1, 1791.—Mrs. L. H. Sigourney born; wrote nearly stry volumes, among others, "Moral Pieces in Prose and

Sept. 2, 1726.—John Harvard born; an English philan-thropist; induced Parliament to pass laws to set poor ac-quitted prisoners free, and to improve the sanitary condition of the prisons; was elected to Parliament, but was too friendly to the American Colonies to stay there; made extensive investigations of the condition of alms-houses, prisons, etc., and published several volumes upon the sub-ject.

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Sept. 3, 1651.—Battle of Worcester; the last battle between the armies of Cromwell and Charles II., in which the
king's soldiers were badly beaten; Cromwell called the
battle a "crowning mercy."

Sept. 4, 1864.—Gen. Morgan killed; an American guerilla
chief in command of cavalry; during the Civil War, made
mids all over Kentucky, and in Indiana and Ohio; was
captured in Ohio, but escaped from the penitentiary by digging his way out; later was surprised and killed.

Sept. 5, 1585.—Richelieu born; a celebrated French
statesman, cardinal, and duke; very ambitious; became
Secretary of State; made the crown independent of the
nobles; put down the Huguenots, and humbled the House
of Austria; induced foreign powers to take part in the 30
years' war; founded the botanical garden in Paris; aided
scholars, poets, and artists.

Sept. 6, 1757.—Lafayette born; became an army officer
before he was nineteen; hearing that the Americans had
declared their independence, came to America, where he
was given command; afterward took part in the French
Bevolution; was made prisoner by Austria; was kept five
gens; was released by demand of Napoleon; visited United
Satie; Congress voted him a township of land and
8,000,000.

Sept. 7, 1707.—Buffon born; illustrious French naturalist and philosopher; studied law; after traveling resolved to devote himself to science; had charge of the botanical and zoological gardens in Parls; published a "Natural History," which is very popular.

Sept. 8, 1474.—Ariosto born; most eminent of Italian poets; his father wanted him to study law, but he liked to write poetry better; wrote "Orlando," a story of the fabled knights of the time of Charles the Great Sept. 9, 1850.—California admitted to the Union.

Sept. 10, 1845.—Joseph Story died; an American lawyer; congressman; supreme judge; professor of laws in Harvard; author of many excellent law books.

Sept. 11, 1777.—Battle of Brandywine; see United States History.

History.

Sept. 12, 1818.—Richard J. Gatling born; helped his father make machines for sewing cotton-seed and cultivators; soon after the Civil War began, invented the Gatling gun, which can be made to fire four hundred shots per minute.

minute.
Sept. 13, 1806.—Chas. J. Fox died; eminent English statesman and orator; the eloquent, staunch friend of the American Colonies in the English Parliament; made his first speech in Parliament when twenty; Johnson once said: "It was a doubt whether the nation was ruled by the sceptre of George III. or the tongue of Fox"; opposed the war in America, treatment of Napoleon, and the way the natives of India were used.

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Sept. 14, 1836.—Aaron Burr died; American statesman and noted politician; was an officer in the Revolutionary War; Vice-President of United States, with Jefferson as President; shot Alexander [Hamilton in a duel; was suspected of disloyalty to United States, but this was not proven. Also Dante died, 1832; anthor of "Divine Comedy." Also Wellington died, 1832; hero of Waterloo; famous British general and statesman; went into the army before he was eighteen; became famous in India, where he put down two great powers, but won greater glory in Spain, from which he drove the French; was made the commander-in-chief of the allied forces which won the victory at Waterloo; was called the "Iron Duke."

Sept. 15, 1789.—James F. Cooper born in New Jersey; was removed when a child to Otsego Lake, N. Y., where lived many hunters and Indians; went to Yale College and then to sea as a sallor; he was the first American novelist whose works were translated into foreign languages. Wrote many Indian stories and stories of the sea.

#### NEW YORK CITY.

Our New York schools are under two heads—the super-intendents and the principals. It is the intention to pro-mote the efficiency of the system by these means. The plan is to have the principals overlooked by the superintendents and the under teachers by the principals, and the Board over all. But the difficulty is that the principals and super-intendents do not always set up the same standard to be followed.

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It is all meant well enough, but it is clearly a case of mistaken thoroughness, for no sooner is the poor under teacher out of the frying-pan of the principal's examination, but he is in the fire of the superintendent's visitation. Between the two it is difficult to tell how to teach, and the natural result is, cramming and stuffing for examinations and high marks.

There is nothing a New York teacher dreads more than to be marked low. He will do almost anything rather than to suffer such disgrace.

Some time ago a teacher from the country was appointed to one of our public schools. He had been thoroughly trained, was houset and capable, and determined to do his duty. With commendable zeal he went to work and did excellently according to his idea of excellence. He looked forward to the visitation of the superintendents with anticipation, for he was certain he would receive their encouraging approbation. They came, and plied his school with the usual questions. They were very particular to ascertain whether the course of study had been carefully followed, and the exact amount prescribed in his grade had been learned; they examined his pupils on the technical points in the Manual. He at once saw that he had failed. Of course he received the lowest marks, but his eyes were opened as to his course in the future if he wished to stand well with the powers set over him. The next year he took a different course. He drilled his pupils in a certain number of technical facts in history, an exact number of operations in arithmetic, he permitted no original thought outside the narrow groove of the course, he commenced at a certain point and stopped short when he reached a specified limit. Within this region he drilled, reviewed, and rereviewed until his pupils could receit like parrots. No points were omitted. He didn't attempt to teach. The

ment of the situation as it now exists.

For over two years the School Commissioners have been wrestling, night and day, over the knotty problem, "How to consolidate the schools where the attendance is small with more prosperous schools, without displacing present teachers of merit and long service." City Superintendent John Jasper was asked to submit to the Committee on Teachers his views on consolidation. The ontcome of all the two years' discussion is that the Committee on Teachers have recommended:

1. The closing of the male department of No. 5 in the Fourteenth Ward, and the transfer of teachers and pupils to male department of No. 31.

2. Close primary school No. 6 in the Seventeenth Ward when grammar school building No. 79 is completed, and send pupils and teachers to its primary department.

3. Close primary school No. 48 in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and organize it as a branch of primary school No. 47.

4. Close primary school No. 30 on Ward's Island.

5. Close primary school No. 38 in the Twenty-third Ward, and make it a part of primary school No. 43.

6. Close female department of grammar school No. 31 in the Fourteenth Ward, and send pupils and teachers to female department of grammar school No. 30.

7. Close male department of grammar school No. 8 in the Eighth Ward, and send pupils and teachers to male department of No. 38.

8. Close female department of No. 8 and send pupils and teachers to female department of No. 38.

9. Hire, temporarily, premises for the primary department of grammar school No. 8, and close the school building No. 8 on Grand Street, the proceeds to assist in building the new King Street school house.

10. When the King Street building is ready locate there the primary departments of No. 8 and 95.

11. Close primary school No. 2 in the Sixth Ward, and send pupils to primary school No. 8, and primary department of No. 28.

12. In grammar school No. 29 in the First Ward place all the boys of grammar and primary departments of the male principal, and close the primary department of No. 29 when the principal, and close the primary department of No. 29 when the principal can be cared for.

#### EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Contributions of news and notes are solicited from our readers. Those that state the thoughts expressed at different meetings are more valuable than those that contain only names and dates.

#### ARKANBAR

Prof. J. F. Howell has recently been elected to the care of the normal department in the University of Arkansas. This will give him an opportunity of extending his influence, which is already great, still further in the cause of educational progress.

Prof. O. F. Russell, of Loanoke, held an Institute at Sugar Loaf Springs, Aug. 10-14, which would have accomplished a great deal of good for the teachers of that district if they had availed themselves of the opportunity. Only eighteen were present out of the 100 in the district. Those that were there speak in enthusiastic terms of Prof. Russell's instructions.

#### COLORADO.

Supt. W. E. White, of Saguache Co., has issued a valuable little pamphlet of instructions to his teachers. Among other things he says: "You will be careful to subscribe for at least one good educational journal, so that you may keep abreast of the rapid improvements in method, and the general progress made in the profession of the teacher."

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\*\*BORGIL\*\*

A bill for the organization of a school of Technology has been under consideration by the State Legislature. Mr. Harris, of Bibb, in discussing objections to the bill, argued that the college would not be local in its benefits. The poor young men who attend the institutions of Emory and Mercer are not from the counties where the institutions are located. They come from other counties and work out the way when they have the will behind them. The civil establishment abroad costs ten millions a year, and yet only the rich can travel and need the protection that is thus given. You say only the rich will attend. Well, suppose the rich demand it, are you not going to hear them? In Bibb County 200 people pay eligh-tenths of the taxes, and nearly 30,000 people pay eligh-tenths of the taxes, and nearly 30,000 people pay eligh-tenths of the teasury on indicious expenditures. Manage your finances as you would your private affairs.

Mr. Lamar, of Pulaski, said: Profoundly impressed with the benefit and necessity of a technological institute in the educational system of our state, I shall give it my most cordial support and zealous advocacy. In my mind, it is the most important measure, in its practical results, that will come before this general assembly. Of the vast number of youth, of both sexes, now being educated, how few take to professional or literary life. The large majority go into practical pursuits, yet in the training of such pursuits, our scheme of both public and private education is alone defective.

With inexhaustible mines, with boundless opportunities of manufacture of every kind, with large areas of wealthy region clamorous for railway development, with the most versatile farming realm in the Union, our young men are forced to go out of the state to get the technologica them to misse the most of our own.

Believing, Mr. Chai

### ILLINOIS.

The Normal Drill of Bureau Co., Ill., was held at Princeton, Aug 10-21. Two hundred and forty-two teachers were enrolled, which was an increase of one hundred over last year. The instructors were Miss Julia E. Kennedy and

Prof. R. R. Reeder, of the State Normal School, and Henry Houck. Supt. Henry Houck, of Pennsylvania tured one night on "The True Teacher," and Prof. Ge Little, of Washington, D. C., gave a "chalk talk," bot which were highly appreciated. A great deal of oredithe success of the Institute is due Mr. Jacob Miller, Co Superintendent.

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The Pattersonville Educational Institute, Prof. I. F. Mather, A.B., Principal, begins its Fall Term Sept. 8.

#### LOUISTANA

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"All true methods of education must come from childhood, the suggestions of its impulses, wants and desires.
Any new departure in education without these is false and
hurtful. How often are we puzzled and perplexed and our
ignorance exposed by the artless questions of children,
questions which to answer properly requires a knowledge
of moral and physical sciences. A child of tender years
would scarcely understand such answers, but his questions
show the eagerness of the human mind to investigate
and his capacity to begin at an early age. The infant
reaches out its puny arms to catch the moon and the stars,
the bright flowers, and the buzzing insect. When it begins
to lisp its questions they will be directed to know what the
moon and stars are made of, how far they are away, and
how long it would take to reach them, and to inquire about
the habits of birds and of animals. And as he advances he
will begin with childish curiosity to find out the mysteriouns workings of his mechanical toy, and ere long, with toy
hatchet and hammer, he will begin to construct and will
soon have ready his play storehouse, filled with chests of
coffice and tea, barrels and boxes, suggesting an eye to business, all made with his tiny hands. Here now is the whole
secret of education. Follow the suggestions of children
into practical instruction and methods, and the whole system of public instruction is solved.

"I mean to say that the curiosity of children should be
encouraged and their natural inquisitiveness satisfied under
the direction of an able and conscientious teacher. Instruction should accompany their sports, and the schoolhouse
and its surroundings be an instructive playhouse. When
he chases the butterfly over the meadow, takes the minnow
from the brook, captures the bird in its flight, or plucks
the wild flower from the cliff, the

on "The best system for raising public funds for public education." He advocated the use for school purposes of all available tax resources not necessary for current expense of government; that the same be diverted into this treasury.

Rev. P. G. Andrews, of Jackson, Miss., spoke on the education of the colored race, methods and limitation, reviewing the writers on this subject and the difficulties of each other and his system, advancing prominently the point that those who were reared with them were better capacitated to teach them, saying that race prejudice was one obstacle to success, and developing the idea that moral was as easential as mental education.

President Easton read a paper on the necessity of education in the state in schools. He said education infuses the production of labors and virtue; that an ignorant man's labor is scarcely worth more than brute force. Education diminishes crime and pauperism, and those who possess properly obtain good insurance by centributing of their means to the public school interest, making an effectual police force in educated boys.

Judge A. A. Grully, of Monroe, read a paper on female education. Col. J. W. Nicholson, of the State University, spoke in regard to the State Educational Association, especially explaining that this is not an association of tenchers, but an educational association, with design including all persons whatsoever interested in education—farmers, mechanics, lawyers, doctors, and men and women of every profession and avocation in life who may be, as all should be, interested in this grand work.

Prof. Hutson, of the University of Mississippi, read a paper on the co-education of the exces: Colonel Alexander read a paper on natural history, giving a special description of the rain clouds and zodiac: Mrs. Mary Reid Goodale, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, a paper on scientific temperance in Public Schools": Prof. Johnson, of Monroe Academy, a paper on common schools, presenting with great force points looking t

Dr. E. E. Shieb writes as follows, concerning the outlook in Louislana:

"Probably in no other state of the South have differences of race and the effects of long misgovernment raised greater difficulties in the road to higher and general education. At the same time, in no other section are these evils more clearly recognized, or more strenuous efforts made to overcome them. The people of Louislana possess natural intelligence, a hearty sympathy with whatever is noble, and a keen appreciation of the fact that in the development of the public school system alone can the prosperity of the state be secured, and the happiness of its citizens find realization. Any one passing through the state to-day will find a people fully alive to its wants and deficiencies, and prepared to bring the greatest of sacrifices in order to scenre for its children the blessing of general and improved education. The words of prominent citizens of the state are expressions of what every father and mother feels. The liberality of the Legislature in providing ways and means, clearly indicates, in this instance, the wishes of the people.

Under such circumstances, it is an interesting scene to observe a meeting of the prominent educators of the state, at Monroe, La., laboring with all carnestness of true men, for the improvement of the schools of the state—and this

in the shade.

The proceedings of the association extended over four days in morning and evening sessions. To the intelligent and energetic State Superintendent, Hon. Warren Easton, president of the association, his ability and devotion, is mainly due the great activity in educational matters as evinced at present throughout Louisiana. Nearly forty papers were on the program, prepared by eminent professors from Louisiana and from many other Southern states. The limited space will not permit us to record in this place even the names of these devoted men. But the state has paid a becoming tribute to them; it has openly endorsed their work by the presence of its highest executive officers."

#### MISSOURI.

Com. S. P. Davisson recently held one of the most suc-cessful Institutes ever held in Harrison County; attendance about 100. What proves their interest, nearly every teacher is a reader of an educational paper.

NEBRASEA.

The Douglas County Institute closed Aug. 21, after a session of nine daya. County Supt. J. B. F. uner, aided by Mrs. Jennie Keyser, Dr. Max Randall, Prof. Rathbun, and H. E. Grimm, were the instructors. Prof. Walter Lyman, of Chicago, gave an enthusiastic talk on "Elecution," which was highly appreciated by the teachers in attendance. County Supt. Bruner is awake to the interests of the rural schools, and deserves the hearty support of his teachers.

NEW TORK.

Ives Seminary, Antwerp, N. Y., offers special advantage at the way of military exercises for boys, and calisthenia or girls. The Fall Term opens Aug. 31.

INSTITUTES FOR SEPTEMBER. Conductors.
Profs. Sanford
and Pooler.
Profs. Bouton
and Barnes. Date. Sept. 14-18, County. Place. Franklin, Malone, . . Profs. Bouton Watkins, Sept. 28 Oct. 2; ichuyler, Ithaca, Sept. 7-11, Profs. Sanford Tompkins, Nunda. Aug. 31-Sept. 4, Livingston. Pro's. R. E. Post Cattaraugus, Ellicottville, Sept. 7-11, Profs. Johound Jefferson, Watertown, Sept. 7-11. Dr. J. H. French and Eugene

#### PERSONAL.

SUPT. EDSON, of Attleboro, Mass., and GENERAL MORGAN, of Rhode Island, recently conducted a State Teachers' Institute at Seattle, Washington Territory. We learn that their work was very successful.

Hon. Warben Easton, State Supt. of Public Instruction, Louisiana, is an efficient and enthusiastic worker in his state. A friend who has watched his labors says that "he is an excellent man, full of push and energy, possessing much excentive ability." Such men are needed, not only in the South, but all over the country. There is ample room for such workers in this world.

PROF. C. S. RICHARDS, LL.D., Dean of the Preparatory Department of the Howard University, Washington, D.C., recently died at the residence of his son, the Rev. Dr. C. H. Richards, Madison, Wia. Dr. Richards was for many years the principal of Kimbail Umon Academy, Meriden, N. H. It was here the writer of these lines, when a boy, knew him. As a teacher he had no superior. He was patient, kind, therough, and yet rigid in his requirements. Our memories of him are of the most tender and endearing nature. He knew how to treat boys so as to gain and keep, not only their respect, but affection. Before the new education was named he understood and followed its principles. For thirty-five years the memory of the time spent in his class-room has been to us a blessing and a benediction. He belonged to the class of men who make the world better by having lived in it. ass-room has belonged to the class v having lived in it.

MR. CHARLES BARROWS, for forty-six years a principal in the public schools of Springfield, Mass., has retired from the teachers' ranks. A parting reception was given to him at the City Hall by his former pupils, represented, in some instances, by three generations.

### NEW YORK CITY.

Miss Amelia Kiersted, Principal of Grammar School No. 17, the largest girls' grammar department in the city, has been principal for over forty years. Although so long in service, she is still youthful looking and apparently as bright and active as ever She represents an old Knickerbocker family, being a lineal descendant of the famous Anneke Jans, and heir apparent to the fabulous Trinity Church property. No tageher in this city ever did more for the profession, and were all the lady teachers to meet as a deliberative body, she would doubtless be chosen president by acclamation. Her sister, long a prominent teacher in the public schools, resigned one year ago to open a private school, the success of which has been phenomenal.

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MR. EVANDER CHIEDS, whose name has been so prominently mentioned in connection with the assistant superintendency, is a graduate of the New York College and long, a teacher in the Twenty-second Ward, where he was known and respected by many. As principal of the evening school in that ward he made an excellent reputation. He has occupied his present position as principal of Grammar School No. 61 in the Twenty-third Ward about four years, during which time the attendance has greatly increased and the school building been materially enlarged. He is an excellent reader and sometimes reads in public. To make a good superintendent, requires a rare combination of talents. He should be thoroughly honest, a profound scholar, and a perfect geatleman, with a large and sympathetic nature, commanding the respect and confidence of the teachers. Of the many learned and popular principals in this city, none would better fill the bill than Mr. Childs.

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Hox Stephen A. Walker, for many years the popular President of the New York Board of Education, was born in Vermont and graduated at Middlesex College. Like President Cleveland, ex-President Arthur, Cyrus W. Ffeld, and a host of eminent Americans, he is the son of a clergyman. He formerly taught school in Binghamton, where his brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Boardman, was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Subsequently he studied law

with Daniel G. Dickinson, the distinguished United States Senator, who was for years by far the best stump-speaker in the Democratic party. During the war he was a paymaster in the Union Army. On one occasion when the government was in arrears to the troops and there was much distress, a private, knowing Mr. Walker's sympathy with the suffering, came forward saying, "How much are you short, captain?" "About \$25,000." "If I advance the money will you gnarantee its payment?" said the private. "I shall be glad to do so," replied the paymaster, the was soon handed a check for that amount, signed Ellas Howz, and the money was at once forthcoming, to the great relief of the "boys-in-blue." Is it any wonder that the people of Bridgeport have set up in their beautiful park by the sea, side by side with their matchless soldiers' monument, a statue to this great inventor, this chivalrons private in the Union Army?

After the war, Mr. Walker commenced the practice of law in this city, and steadily arose to the top of his profession. His figure is commanding, his features striking, his volce distinct, his action strong, and he performs the onerous and delicate duties of President of the Board with great satisfaction.

No man understands the merits and defects of our mag-

satisfaction.

No man understands the merits and defects of our magnificent and coatly school system better than he. His position brings him naturally in contact with many accomplished and beautiful ladies, and as he has remained till now a bachelor, he is popularly supposed to be shot-proof against the wiles of Cupid.

DR. ROBERT B. KEYSER, assistant teacher in Gran School No. 9, has attended two courses of lectures in and contemplates a third.

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ONE of the most attractive and intellectual faces in the Board of Education is that of the new Democratic member, Mr. CHARLES CRARY. He was born in Salem, N. Y., although a resident of this city for thirty years. In early life he was a printer, but changed to law, and has attained wealth and distinction in his profession. He is the author of "Crary's Practice," a well-known and valuable law-book. He was for twelve years a trustee in the Twelth Ward, and endeared himself to the teachers by sympathy with them in their trials, and by uncompromising hatred of injustice. His mind is pre-eminently judicial. Having once been nominated for judge of the Supreme Court by his party, we trust he is destined one day to wear the ermine. He has for years been associated with Mr. Darling of the Fifth Avenue Hotel in an extensive real estate enterprise, known as Chester Hill. He has no children.

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ONB of the most active members of the Methodist Church and the Democratic party in this city is MR. ANDREW L. SOULARD, the accomplished chairman of the Twelfth Ward Board of Trustees. He is a native of New York, President of the Sterling Fire Insurance Company, and a prominent member of the Washington Heights Century Club. He is recognized as a leader in his party, and his name has been prominently mentioned in connection with the Mayoratty of this city. He is honest, active, and popular, and adequate to any position in the gift of his fellow citizena Being a good trustee, he would make a good mayor, controller, chamberlain, or fill any other position for which his name has frequently been mentioned.

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Among the 120 school trustees of New York there is none more beloved and respected than Mr. James R. Cumming, President of the Twenty-second Ward Board of Trustees. Born in Ireland, if we mistake not, he early came to New York and commenced his career as office-boy in the famous firm of Brown, Hall, Vanderpoole & Co. He is now a prominent member of this firm, said to have the largest and most lucrative law practice in New York. He has worked himself up solely by his abilities. His word has slways been as good as his bond. He has a large head but larger heart, and is known to scores of toiling, struggling teachers as "the true and the tender hearted."

### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Canton, China, has been visited by a severe flood. Over ten thousand persons have been drowned, thousands are completely destitute, the rice and silk crop are nearly ruined, and pestilence threatens to follow the subsidence of

A cyclone struck Charleston, S. C., Aug. 95, demolishing the entire river front, destroying many of the buildings, and doing severe damage to the shipping. The sea broke in and washed out flagstones and railings, and smashed doors and windows. The lower part of the town, it is said, appean as if a gigantic razor had been drawn over it, shaving down wharf-sheds and pier-heads, and sending the mass of debris aftoat in the harbor.

Queen Victoria has sent a special envoy to the Sultan to confer with him upon the Egyptian question. She says she hopes to help the Sultan to establish a government in Egypt conductive equally to the Sultan's rights, the happiness of the Egyptians, and the interest of England and the powers.

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Meetings continue to be held in Spain protesting against the seizure of the Caroline Islands. Germany still declare that she had no intention to interfere in any other country's rights, and that if an examination into Spain's claim on the islands should not prove satisfactory, she will submit the dispute to the arbitration of some friendly power.

The small-pox epidemic is reported to be on the decrease in Montreal. In St. Jean Baptiste village compulsory vaccination was abandoned on account of the prejudice of the ignorant, but in most places there is a rush of people to be vaccinated.

The Czar has been making a visit to the Emperor Francis Joseph, but his enjoyment of it must have been sadly marred by his fear of personal danger. Every possible precaution that could be thought of was taken, and the Czar himself suggested several others. He has one faithful watcher that he can put confidence in, and that is a large mastiff that has been trained as a body guard and watches beside his master's couch every night.

There was a decrease in the number of cholera cases in Madrid last week. A dispatch states that the disease has broken out at Nagasaki, Japan, and has created great excitement, especially among the foreigners. It is also spreading to Gibraltar, and the probability is that it will reach this

To thoroughly care acrofula, it is necessary to strike directly at the root of the evil. This is exactly what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, by acting upon the blood, thoroughly cleaning it of all impurities, and leaving not even a taint of scrofula in the vital fluid.

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#### LETTERS.

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[A globe may be made one of the most useful pieces of school furniture; it may be also one of the most useful sinces of the earth. If be thinks of it as a globe of wood it will be of no more benefit to him than any other piece of wood. (3) The celiptic must be clearly seen, and its relation to the equator, the axis, and the poles understood. (3) The relation of the axis of the globe to the celiptic and the sun must be known. This will make clear the cause of the change of the seasons. (4) The relation of the globe to the sun causing day and night must be seen. This lesson is not as easily understood as many imagine. (5) The globe must be made to reproduce in imagination all the motions of the earth; in other words, it must be the real earth in miniature. The teaching of the globe, properly, trains the imagination, judgment, comparison, and generalization—most important faculties of the mind. It is too often the case that a globe remains a useless article of turniture because deschers do not make an effort to use it. In most of our geographies there are directions that will help young teachers in learning how to use this important piece of apparatus.—A.]

When was the first oil well sunk in the United States T. M. G.

[At Titusville, on Oil Creek, in the winter of 1858-9, Col. E. L. Drake began boring for petroleum, but the oil was not struck until August 26, 1859.—B.]

What is the best method of teaching a primary class their letters?

T. M. G.

[The best way to teach them is not to teach them. The primary class has no use for the names of letters. Their business is to know the names and meaning of words, and to be able to write them. Of course, they have to make the letters as they do this, but it is not necessary for them to know their names. Later on, through the incidental mention of these characters by the teacher when correcting the writing or in the pronunciation of words, they learn the names. Wherever this plan has been pursued, it has been found that by the time the pupil had any use for the name of the letter he had learned it without any valuable time having been spent in learning it.—B.]

What marks the division between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans? Also, between the Pacific and Indian?

T. M. G.

[The meridian of the Cape of Good Hope; the meridian of Cape Leeuwin on the southwest coast of Autralia.—B.]

(1) Where was the Battle of Bennington fought? (2) Who were Commanders in Chief of the Federal Army during the Civil War?

[(1) In Bennington township, in the southwestern part of Bennington county, Vt. It was fought by a body of the New Hampshire militia and a detachment of Burgoyne's army under Col. Baum. No trace now remains to indicate the precise locality. (2) There were several: Scott, McClellan, Burnside, Hooker, Meade, and Grant.—B.]

(1) Is Lieut. A. W. Greeley a relative of Horace Greeley? (3) Is Juo. C. Fremont living? It so, where? (3) Name twelve of the greatest men (politicians excluded now living in the United States.

B. W. K.

[(1) He is not. (2) He is still living; resides at New York in winter, and Mt. Desert, Me., in summer. (3) Twelve men who have a wide reputation for qualities which people admire are named below, but to say that all of these possess more true greatness than many others comparatively little known, would not be true: James Russell Lowell, Gen. W. T. Sherman, John G. Whittier, Wm. M. Evarts, James B. Eads, John C. Fremont, Thomas A. Edison, Oliver Wendall Holmes, Gep. Philip Sheridan, Henry M. Stanley, Cyrus W. Field, Edward Everett Hale.]

(1) Some histories give the Vice-President's salary at \$10,000, and others at \$8,000; which is correct? (2) What is a weed?

[(i) It is \$10.000. (2) A plant that is useless and roublecome. Webster places tobacco under this head.

Does water belong to the animal, vegetable, or mineral kingdom?

[It belongs to the mineral kingdom,—B.]

(1) In what book can I learn most about the Physical Geography of the United States; and in what book all about the physical geography of the State of New York? (2) When forests are removed from the banks of rivers, why do the rivers frequently overflow their banks? This, in substance, is one of the Regent's questions. (3) Please tell me how to start a Holts machine.

[ (1) If you want a fuller description than the large physical geographies give, get one of the large Cyclopedias, Appleton's or Johnson's. (2) If the forests near the sources of streams are removed, there remains nothing to prevent the water, in time of heavy rains or thawe, from rushing down the hills and swedling the streams. Where trees are present they absorb much of the moisture, the leaves on the ground, in the forests.

also assist in the sponging process, and hence the descent of the water is gradual. (3) Bring the knobs of the conductors together, electrify one of the armatures by holding against it a plate of ebonite which has been negatively excited. After a few turns of the plate, both armatures will become charged with opposite kinds of electricity.—B.]

(1) Which are, in the order of their desirability, the seven states in the Union the most desirable to live in? (2) Which, in the order of their merit, are the ten best weekly and monthly newspapers and magazines published in the United States?

C. D.

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[These questions are most difficult to answer. Colorado is said to be excellent for consumptives, but death to those having heart disease. New York City is a good place for one who has money and knows how to use it, but an exceedingly bad place for one who don't know how to take care of himself. Western New York is a grand place for the farmer who owns his land. He can raise all the temperate fruits and grains in abundance, but the changes of the weather are sudden and severe. Minnesota has a clear, bracing atmosphere, is entirely free from malaria, and the cold—when it commences—is continuous and dry. The winters are delightful lows is a paradise for farmers who wish to raise corn in abundance and live among a highly moral, educated and progressive people. Southern California has the most delightful climate in the United States, but it is a "great way off." All the states have their drawbacks and attractions. It is impossible to answer the first question definitely. (2) The second question is almost as hard. What kind of newspapers does C. D. mean? Political, religious, educational, story, banking, agricultural, or temperance? In each department there are "the best" and the poorest. Newspapers and magazines in our country are of all grades. There is the Herald, the World, the Tribune, the Times, Harper's, the Century, Popular Science Monthly, Lippincott's, are among the best—yes, the best. Others are good. Among educational journals for the live, working, progressive common school teacher none are more helpful than the N. Y. School Journals and Trachers' Institute? There are others more helpful to the high school and college teacher. Among papers and magazines it must be confessed that de gustibus non est disputandum. (See Webster.)—A.]

What is the proper work for a teacher's institute? Our Superintendent took a new departure last year. He prepared a list of questions on the common branches of study, published them in advance, and then formed the teachers of the institute into a class and heard them recite these lessons during a five-days' session. This year we sre to have a continuation of this work.

I maintain that the proper work of the institute is Normal fraining, and I have asked that at the coming institute the attendance of thirty or forty school-children be secured, and that the time of the institute be apportioned out to the different teachers, who shall teach children in the different grades, under the supervision and criticism of a competent normal school instructor; thus giving us some practical instruction which can be obtained nowhere else outside of a normal school. chool.

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Teachers' examinations here are very searching and exhaustive. Two-thirds of the experienced teachers from other states who enter our examinations fail to pass. Our certificates show that we have enough of text-book knowledge, and if we lack anything, it is the science of teaching what we know. Less than half of us came from normal schools; then shouldn't the institute be a short normal school? In his circular letter to the teachers this year, our superintendent says." This institute is not intended as a normal to instruct teachers in the principles which they are supposed already to know. If I had an idea that any of the teachers required that sort of drill, I would promptly take steps to have his certificate cancelled, if possible." R. J. S.

[We agree with you as to the character of work that should be done at institutes. Any teacher who knows enough about the common branches to obtain a certificate from any respectable commissioner, can get along as far as the teaching of these is concerned, but she will frequently be at a loss as to methods of presenting these subjects, and on questions of government and discipline. These are the subjects that should be taken up at institutes. This subject will be further discussed in future.—B.]

(1) Why did the Puritans persecute the Quakers? (2) What proofs are there that the earth is an oblate spheroid? C. O. D.

roid?

[(1) The Puritans had a charter to the land and a right to say who should occupy it. They preferred that no one who differed materially from them in their religious belief should mix in with them, and perhaps lead their children into what they considered wrong doctrines.

(2) The polar diameter is considerably less than the equatorial diameter, and the length of a degree of latitude is much smaller near the equator than near the poles.—B.]

How would you deal with a child who has told a fairchood?

falrehood?

[Rev. Hiram Orcutt, LL.D., in his book upon school-keeping, mentions such an instance, and says: "At some suitable time let the sinfulness and evil consequences of lying be explained before the school, and, if possible, get an expression of disapproval and condemnation of such conduct. Perhaps some pupil has told the fruth under the pressure of strong motives to tell a lie. Let the heroism and nobleness of such an act be highly commended. A murder has been committed in some low groggery in city or town. Here is a fruitful

subject for half a dozen little (Monday morning) talks before the school, in which you dwell upon the temptations and influences that have been brought to bear upon that unfortunate man since he was an innocent boy in the home and in the school, to change his character and make him a murderer. Group the vices in which he has indulged, lying, stealing, swearing, drinking, and show the influence they have had upon him in forming his now ruined character."—B.]

Please mention some subjects for evening lectures that will be enjoyable as well as instructive to young people from twelve to twenty.

(Almost every department of knowledge affords numerous subjects of this class. Only a few are mentioned below; they will suggest others. The general characteristic should be the answer to every day questions, such as young people are frequently asking. The Cause of Day and Night; The Cause of the Seasons; Eclipses; Tides; Comets; Meteors; Phases of the Moon; What to Eat; Why we Need Purn Air; What kind of Clothing to Wear, and How it Should be Made; Why Plants Bloom; The Office of the Parts of a Flower; Curiosities of Plant Life; of Animal Life; Machinery (the way different kinds of machinery operate); Electric Lights; Electric Attraction and Repulsion; Causes of Thunder and Lightning, etc. A specialist or an enthusiast upon any of these subjects will usually be glad to talk about them, and will be more certain to interest others in them because of his enthusiasm.—B.

(1) What Queen of England twice set a price on the head of her brother? (2) What country takes its name from the size of its inhabitants' feet? (3) What country receives its name from its geographical position.

H. W.

[ (1) Queen Anne. (2) Patagonia, a large or clumsy foot, named by Magellen from the supposition that the inhabitants had very large feet. (3) Norway (north way, direction, or ccuntry).—B.]

At a recent school meeting, where only six were present, four of them arranged to elect a trustee. They elected a young man who is no tax-payer, lives with relatives, and pays no rent. Is it necessary to call another meeting, or can he hold his office?

K. K.

[As the New York law now is, no person can hold a school office who is not a voter at a school meeting. The qualifications of a voter were stated in the JOURNAL of Aug. 29.—A.]

#### ANSWERS.

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19. We will call it noon when the sun is over the meridian of the place where the traveler is; for that is noon to him.

Suppose they start at "noon." They will meet 180° from Greenwich, 12 hours, by a good watch, after they start. Z. will have passed through the earth's shadow on his way, and will meet A. when the sun is over the meridian of 180° from Greenwich.

Measuring the term day by what seems to him the setting and rising of the sun, irrespective of his watch, it will be noon of July 5th, because he has had one night. A. will simply keep pace with the apparent morigin of the sun west, It will be noon to him all the way. He will not find any evening and morning. Measuring the term day by his position relative to the sun, it is still "noon" July 4th.

D.

23. Doubtful whether any book ever "contained" such a "Princess." She would split the cover and fall out. Could not bind her with Samson's green withes. If C. E. W. will tell us what he really wishes to know, we will answer if we can.

28. A man being asked the time, said: "The time past noon is equal to \(\frac{1}{2}\) the time past midnight."

From midnight to noon are 12 hours. Add to 12 hours the number of hours past moon. We have the number of hours past midnight. \(\frac{1}{2}\) of which equal the number of hours past noon; then 5 times the number of hours past noon equal the number of hours past noon added to 12 hours: then 4 times the number of hours past noon equal 12 hours, and \(\frac{1}{2}\) fours, or 3 three hours, are the number of hours past noon; hence it is 3 P. M.

Briefly:

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Let x= number hours past noon,
then  $x=\frac{12+x}{5}$ 5 x=12+x x=8 hours past noon.

### QUESTIONS.

63 What determines the boundaries of the zones?

G. E. P.

After what words in this selection should rhetorical pauses be used?

"Art is long and time is fleeting,
And the grave is not its goal." G. E. P.

64 Please give the meaning of the following sentence found in Reed & Kellogg's "Higher Lessons in Enlish".

"My having in Sanscrit like.

h.".
"My having in Sanscrit, like
Orlando's beard, is a younger brother's revenue."
A. F. C.

65. Can "perfect" be compared?
66. In the sentence "I want books to read," would books or "books to read books to read." Writing notes is formidden"?

### BOOK DEPARTMENT.

A PRIMARY HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR INTER-MEDIATE CLASSES. New York and Chicago: A. S. Barnes & Co.

At no time has so much attention been paid to his tory, as a branch of primary education, as at present, Our text-books in this department of study and teach ing are growing better every year, and no second-rate book stands any chance among the best schools. In fact, as to presswork, binding, type, and illustrations, as well as its literary material, no history is popular unless it is thoroughly good. With these feelings up this book, and we are gratified to find that it stands the most searching tests. Its paper is first quality, its illustrations are excellent, artistically drawn, and finely engraved, and its binding such as cannot be criticise The publishers evidently knew on what market they were putting this book, and carefully prepared for it.

The author does not attempt fine writing. What is said is in a simple, easy style, giving the story of the essential facts of history, omitting all unimportant topics. The child is led to see the origin and causes of events. For example, he knows at once the reasons why the French and Indian wars and the war of the Revolu tion became necessary, and is led to be a real student of causes and effects before he knows it. Everything in this book depends upon and centres around the story. This is as it ought to be, for the very soul of history depends upon the narrative. If this is clear, attractive, and properly arranged, the work is well done. On this one feature all depends. We have tried this little book from all points of view, and find it to be excellent. There can be nothing in the way of its general adoption but a knowledge of its features. We think we betray no confidence when we say that its author is Mr. T. F. Donnelly, of the well-known firm of A. S. Barnes & Co.

SCHOOL EDITION OF HODGSON'S ERRORS IN THE USE OF THE ENGLISH. A Class-Book for Use in Schools, based on Hodgson's "Errors in the Use of English." Compiled and Edited by J. Douglas Christie, B.A. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1885. 75 cents.

Dr. Hodgson's excellent manual bas been so well ap preciated that it has passed to a second edition within a few months. This was well deserved on account of its orderly presentation of the different classes of errors of speech, its wide range of examples, and its clear and correct explanation of principles. This book shows a surprising number of mistakes from writers of high reputation. It is not a collection of ordinary errors of speech as heard among people who make no pretensions to purity of diction, but a presentation of grammatical sins on the part of those who are writing continually and claim to know how to use our language correctly. In this edition the subject-matter has been entirely re arranged, and by thorough subdivision made more re serviceable for the uses of both teacher and pupil. It can be made of great use in every school-room where pupils are taught to express themselves correctly. In fact, no teacher who attempts to correct errors in writing and talking can afford to be without this volume a single day, and we have no doubt all teachers who examine this book will concur in this opinion.

THE DANCING MANIA. By J. F. C. Hecker, M.D. No. 72 of the "Humboldt Library of Science." New York: J. Fitzgerald. 15 cents.

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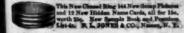
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